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FROM : Amembassy TEL AVIV

DATE: 24 March 1966

SUBJECT : More on Nationalist Chinese Atomic Experts Visit to Israel

REF : Embassy Airgram 793 of March 19, 1966

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In response to an inquiry by the reporting officer about the alleged visit to Israel by two Nationalist Chinese atomic scientists, Mr. Mordechai MORAHG, Administrative Director of the Soreq Nuclear Research Center, acknowledged that such a visit had taken place. However, he expressed surprise that Haaretz had waited until March to carry an article since the visit had occurred on December 22, 1965. The scientists, he said, were a Dr. Victor CHUNG (phonetic spelling), Head of a nuclear research center in Formosa, and an assistant whose name he did not know. While at Soreq, they had been escorted by Dr. Ernst BERGMANN, Head of the Israel AEC. Without committing himself whether or not the scientists had come at Israel's invitation, Mr. Morahg said that they had stopped here on the way home after having attended a conference in Europe.

COMMENT: Before giving the above information, Mr. Morahg had asked for an opportunity to check into the matter on the grounds that he "didn't see all the people who visit Soreq". Since a visit by Nationalist Chinese scientists is indeed a rare occurrence, it is almost inconceivable that Mr. Morahg, because of his position at Soreq, would not be informed. He presumably wanted to inquire how much information he could divulge. Furthermore, the fact that Dr. Bergman himself--an extremely busy man--took them around indicates that the visitors were given VIP treatment.

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